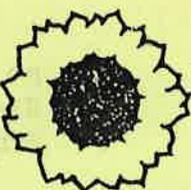
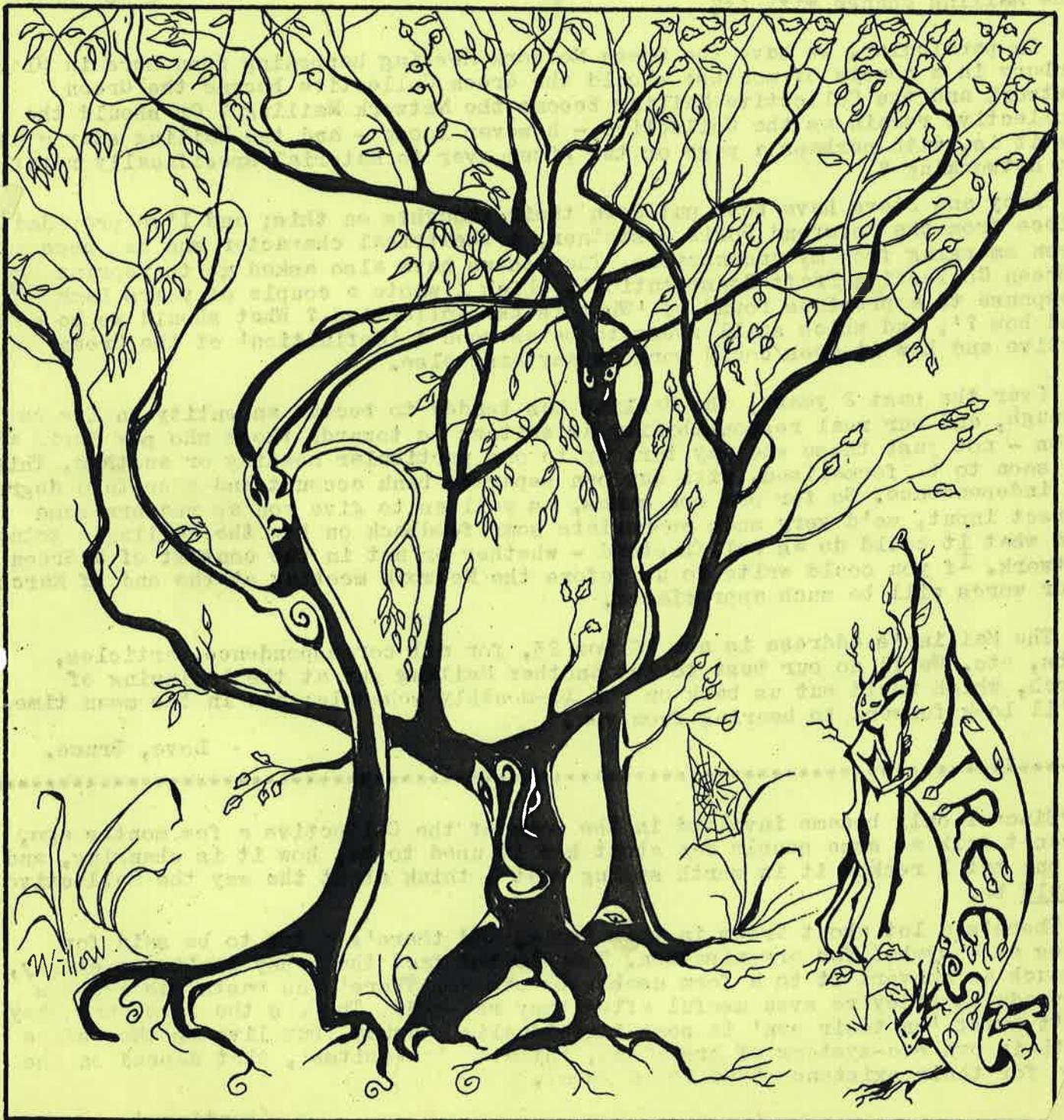


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## WHAT NEXT FOR THE MAILING ?

Well, I'm back on stream with the Green Collective Mailing. After putting it together more or less single-handedly for nearly 2 years, I went through my own crisis with it towards the end of last year, and stepped down. Lucy and Steve did their best to take over at short notice; and when I came along to give them a hand we found we all worked really well together, so the Collective Mailing is now at last being edited collectively and all of us are happy.

It's time to think on how the Mailing should develop. We actually like it much the way it is; and maybe you do too. We've got some ideas for making it better - the section on Trees this time, for instance, is the first in a series of similar attempts to cover different subjects and areas of interest in some detail. But the nature of the Green Collective itself has been changing: should the Mailing change with it?

In particular, we have the Green Network Meeting happening down here in Glastonbury in a couple of months: should the Green Collective become the Green Network and the Collective Mailing become the Network Mailing? Or should the Collective remain as the Collective - however loose - and the Mailing stay much as it is, with perhaps a page or two given over to material specifically relating to networking?

Lucy and Steve have both put down their thoughts on this; and I've provided a piece from the Reverend Boris Gestetner, a theatrical character who has recently been emerging from my unconscious. The others have also asked me to reprint the 'Green Collective Draft Constitution', which I wrote a couple of years back in response to a previous round of 'What is the Collective? What should we be doing, and how?', and which still seems to be as good a 'definition' of the Green Collective and how it does/could work as anything else.

Over the past 2 years, the Mailing has tended to become an entity on its own, though, and our real responsibility as editors is towards those who pay their £5 subs - not just those who may turn up to one particular meeting or another. This is soon to be formalised, with our own separate bank account and a certain degree of independence. So for our own sakes, as well as to give you as readers some direct input, we'd very much appreciate some feedback on how the Mailing's going and what it could do as well/instead - whether or not in the context of a Green Network. If you could write to us before the Network meeting at the end of March your words will be much appreciated.

The Mailing's address is now PO Box 23, for all correspondence, articles, subs, etc. We'll do our best to get another Mailing out at the beginning of March, which would put us back on our bi-monthly schedule; and in the mean time, we'll look forward to hearing from you.

Love, Bruce.

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\*\*\*Since I only became involved in the work of the Collective a few months ago, I can't talk as some people can about how it used to be, how it is changing, and so on; but I reckon it is worth saying what I think about the way the Collective should be.

There's a lot about Trees in this issue, and there's a lot to be said for trees as a symbol for organisation. There's the fact that they don't use energy, so much as convert it to a form usable by others. There's no waste, no useless by-products (they're even useful after they're dead). There's the fact that they don't exist 'on their own' in some individualistic vacuum, but live as the centre of their own eco-systems of organisms, animals 'parasites', that depend on the tree for their existence (and it on them).

(continued ...)

Most relevantly, the tree itself is composed of cells of different kinds, each a living entity, forming part of a group divided according to function (leaves, bark, seeds) doing different work in different places. Alright, this all sounds obvious enough - but what makes a tree a tree isn't that the cells are all part of the same structure; it's that they sustain each other, passing energy to one another, and it's this transfer and transformation of energy that constitutes the life of a tree. OK so it's only an image, a metaphor, another way of seeing ourselves; but it does illuminate one aspect of organic association that the word 'network' doesn't really deal with, this bit about exchanging energy.

The image 'network' suggests a system of isolated ~~xxxx~~ points connected by the exchange of information; but information, no matter what computer fiends might tell you, isn't the same thing as energy, only something that can help energy be used in the right way. It's true that ideas have quite a lot to do with energy, that a good idea can spark off energy in someone, can motivate undirected energy into action, and so on. It's true too that a network is an excellent system for the exchange of ideas, and that we can all benefit from that. But there already are Green Networks of various sorts - how is this new Green Collective Network going to be any different?

The only way it will be different is if it is more than a system connecting isolated parts - that is, if we exchange more than just ideas and information. We could/should be trying to work in a more organic fashion, passing and sharing energy in all its forms, which means to me that personal contact and shared action should be the foundation of our activity.

We all know - and I'm sure the experiences of the Green Roadshow, Theatre/Music events, Green Fairs and so on show this perfectly - that the best way to spread Green-ness is to talk to people, to pass on some of our energy, enthusiasm or anger. Something more than words is communicated in speaking with somebody. (Also in music, art, theatre, imaginative writing).

There is something of love, of support, of mutual affirmation, and (I believe) something of shared Spirit; also other energies I can't label. Hence the Green Collective meet together, discuss and make decisions together, and at the same time, through all sorts of other interaction, share and spread some of the energies and feelings we want to fill the world with.

That, as I said, is how I think the Green Collective could/should be. Any change of name, idea or structure has to take it into account that we share and exchange far more than just ideas, information and money; without that dimension we aren't making a New Age, just slipping into a confused shadow of the old ...

Steve.

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\*\*At Green Collective meetings, as we sit in a circle and contribute to discussion and arrangement of practical tasks and events, a sharing of visions is exchanged. Insights and attitudes from all parts of the Green Movement are made clearly visible; sharing our pool of knowledge and experience and reflecting upon it. Introspection is a relevant direction: to be able to take some time and space to share this with many people, to see with more than pair of eyes, is a wisdom for the individual and therefore a strength for the Green Collective as a whole.

The Mailing is an extension of that space for those who cannot come to meetings - and as well as information being passed on, a glimpse of encouragement and inspiration for those who may wish to involve themselves more (or less) with Green Collective activities.

The reflective nature of meetings is a special and essential element of the Green Collective; I wonder if perhaps a 'Network' will become larger and more diverse, and perhaps this special space will be lost?

Until it is more clear what changes a 'Network' will bring, and what changes Green Collective subscribers are prepared to support (or not support), the future of the Mailing is, in my view, as always ... informative, inspirational, home-spun and slightly untogether ... ? (continued....)

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As for the word 'green'....what the word represents for me is an image of an organic, resource-  
sufficiently, dynamic, growing, process. So why is it, some people I have met, and who are  
living 'green' lifestyles as much as they are able, refuse to identify with the green  
movement? I know that sometimes it is because people involved in the green movement by way  
of conventional politics and media, and financial commitment, seem totally unrelated to  
the here-and-now issues of those living on the front line against gory establishment values,  
and who are in dire need of more support from those who seem to have the facilitating,  
'ambitious' type skills ..... Many travellers, for example, and those trying to live in  
alternative communities, whether country communes, or individuals and groups in towns and  
cities.... I would like to see more support for these people who deserve so much love and  
respect; more energy put into land related issues from the green movement as a whole.  
I think it is important to have space, and therefore voice for these/<sup>issues</sup> in any Collective  
Mailing that is calling itself GREEN..... I would love to hear from any of you about  
these points. Love and respect to you all, Lucy.

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From: The Reverend Boris Gestetner, Doctor of Divinity, Curator of the Theological Museum of  
Avalonia.

Dear Green Collective Mailing,

As a green collective subscriber of 23 years standing, I was  
horrified to receive in the post, with my last mailing, a computer generated circular ask-  
ing whether my "services rendered" to the collective really merited an indefinitely exten-  
ded free subscription, and could I pay an annual subscription rate like everyone else?

And this, mind you, without a please or a by-your-leave. The "Green Collective/network"  
has "decreed" it, don't you know. Is this the shape of things to come? What is going on?  
First of all "Greenline" magazine tells me that the Green Collective is folding up; and  
then when I make enquiries, all I get is this note.

Have I not ministered to the ~~material~~ spiritual needs of the Green Collective for a  
whole generation? Have I not done gate duty in the rain at the Glastonbury Green Gatherings,  
and collated the Green Collective Mailing in a muddy bender at Molesworth? And now you want  
money as well? What next?

Yours Sincerely, Boris Gestetner (Reverend)

EDITORS' NOTE: This circular was not sent out by us, and we very much regret it's wording.  
We would like people who contribute to the Collective in other ways to pay their subscrip-  
tions as well; but, if you can't afford £5, then £2 would at least cover the postage and  
a Contribution to the Land Fund. -Bruce, Lucy, Steve.

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tails of meetings of the Collective and it's project groups and the opportunity to buy any  
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front cover by Willow, Last time by Tristram. Any good cover designs will be very welcome  
indeed.

## A SPIRITUAL GATHERING ?

In 1986 there are likely to be even more varied perceptions of the Solstice and of Stonehenge itself than ever before. Perhaps it is the Druid's Cosmic Temple, an image of the all-embracing Universe which as such should be capable of reconciling all the claims and demands that are made of it. Pagans, Christians, Extra-Terrestrial Archeologists and a myriad of other individuals, spiritual and political groups see Stonehenge as a symbolic focus and the observances at the monument between ourselves.

In order that the needs of the many people wishing to take part in some way, (including what the custodians have termed 'our welcome visitors' - the tourists and general public, whoever he is) should be met, it may be necessary to share information and views towards an understanding of these needs. Certainly it would be very valuable to look at the various ceremonies, attitudes, and conditions which may be encountered together : it promises to be a truly multi-denominational event.

I would like to suggest that we set up a small spiritual gathering, perhaps as a camping weekend in early May (Beltane ?), specifically to focus on exploring these varied symbolic projections and ceremonial preconditions, exploring the differences and finding the common-ground. We could then, perhaps, produce a combined information pamphlet about these various approaches to put around the Festival (and out on the Honeycombs and grapevines before hand?) an article for magazines, as an attempt to avoid misunderstandings and create the most positive conditions that we can for the solstice this year to be a fulfilling experience for all of us.

If you think this is a good idea, or if you can see dangers, if you can suggest other participants or a venue for such a Gathering (perhaps it would be better sat round some tables in a stuffy office in Babylon), then please get in touch.

Yours in peace, Ritchie Cotterill  
Waterloot, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, Devon

## PROGRESS REPORT - PUMPOUS - LOCAL OPINION

Shortly after the Winter Solstice (celebrated by some 200 wind and rain worshippers at Stonehenge), E.H. and the N.T. gave up their cursory search for an alternative site for the Festival, and announced that, as THEY couldn't find such a site, they were going to keep the stones closed for the Summer Solstice. Whether this was the result of pressure from institutions that see the Festival as an illegal anarchic threat, or of sheer stupidity panic, they have shown enough sense to change that statement, and make public their desire to keep the Stones open IF a suitable festival site is found.

In an attempt to clear the air after the hysteria of the institutional response and its reporting in the media, we are seeking a public meeting in the Salisbury area, open to all concerned parties, who could, in a well-run meeting, raise the discussion from its present level of opposition and misunderstanding... it may then be possible for a site to be offered without fear of the negative pressure which would almost certainly be brought to bear on anyone doing so at this time... **THERE ARE POTENTIAL SITES? BUT THE SITUATION IS TOO DELEGATE AT PRESENT TO RELEASE ANY DETAILS...** intriguing indeed - the talks continue...

In all good faith, the STONEHENGE '86 CAMPAIGN is making arrangements for the provision of food, water, sanitation and other site facilities, to encourage a move to the festival's original peaceful and spiritual purpose.

STONEHENGE '86 CAMPAIGN/ 99 TORRIANO AVENUE 7 LONDON N.W.5.

...of course the press have chosen to ignore the petition which has been going round in the immediate vicinity (3 1/2 miles) of Stonehenge (preferring to concentrate on bureaucratic decisions in Salisbury and London), being signed by the majority of those asked (80 was the last total I heard) in full support of the Festival being allowed to continue peacefully.

## MOLESWORTH PLOUGHSHARES CAMPAIGN

Can the Peace Movement go on pouring energy into confronting and resisting the spread of nuclear ~~xxxxx~~ madness? By itself, that surely is a bottomless pit. By building on the foundations of life and hope instead of fear and blame, we can begin to take the future into our own hands. Before the fence was ever built at Molesworth, we were ploughing and planting and growing wheat, building an all-faiths peace chapel out of rubble from the old runway, trying to create new patterns for living and working.

After the fence was built, people from all over the country raised 120 tonnes of wheat and £10,000-worth of seed for Eritrea, making the connection between Molesworth and Eritrea on people's doorsteps. Now the Eritreans need tools, and need to break new ground in our efforts to stop the arms race and create the real changes necessary to help hungry people.

There will be workshops up and down the country between now and Easter, to help create Ploughshares groups. These are an effort to help nourish a non-violence based on answering human needs and on creating a powerful example of what is possible. Whether you are going door-to-door collecting tools and explaining why, refurbishing tools, walking to Molesworth, or taking part in cultivating Molesworth at Easter, we need your help.

At Easter, we will make clear our intention to reclaim this land for life - openly, powerfully, and gently, moving together in our strength. It will not be an occasion for the 'brave few' to hack the fence or leap over it before being arrested. Our intention is real and powerful - to cultivate the soil meant for nuclear missiles; to return Molesworth to farmland.

Inch by inch we will begin digging the land, starting with MoD areas outside the fence, then working our way inward, together, through the rolls of barbed wire. It may take minutes, days, months, or years, but we know that one day the earth's abundance will be shared in peace.

### WILL YOU JOIN US:

- in gathering agricultural tools door-to-door in your area?
  - in bringing them to Molesworth at Easter to reclaim the land?
  - in sending them to the people of Eritrea to enable them to reclaim their own land for cultivation  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?
- In these ways each of can become a tool, cultivating powerful caring in others ...

For further information, contact: MOLESWORTH PLOUGHSHARES, c/o OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, CLOPTON, KETTERING, NORTHANTS NN14 3DZ.

## THE GREEN CIRCLE

The Green Circle is an open, social fellowship of people with genuine interest in Magic, Witchcraft, alternative healing, self-awareness and personal growth, within the Western Mystery Tradition. There are a number of independent local groups (notably in London, Oxford, and Bath) in Britain, and possibly in other lands, where there are several members.

To join you need to BE SURE THAT YOU WILL MAKE AND TRY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT with other members in your area, attend meetings if these are held near you, and keep in touch by letter or telephone. If you are not willing to make even that much effort, then neither the Green Circle nor the Magical path is for you. Magic of any form requires commitment, dedication and persistence; and the desire to meet others and to share your experiences and learning-work with them. This does not have to be in formal groups or covens, but as friends ...

### W.O.M.A.D.

Concord Festivals in co-operation with WOMAD are planning a big multi-cultural festival in Devon for July, with events all around Devon to coincide with Devon conservation year and U.N. Peace Year.  
Contact: JOHN MOAT, FORD HOUSE, HARTLAND, BIDEFORD, NORTH DEVON.

### THE NEW PUBLIC ORDER ACT

This Act, reviewing the Public Order law, and coupled with the Police Bill which comes into force on January 1st, is aimed to deal with situations involving violence, like mass picketing, riots, football 'hooligans', peace? demos, and hippy battles. It will have a major effect on festivals and demonstrations, which will now basically be illegal if the police haven't been informed a minimum of 7 days before. The police then have the power to decide the size, location, and duration of the event; almost the ability to render them not worth doing. It looks bad, and the full effect won't be known until test cases are heard. (Hunt sabotears are already suffering the consequences).

Green Gatherings haven't needed licences because they have not been 'festivals', but now instead of the Councils alone we will have to swing it with the police; and I guess that if they think THE CONVY are coming, they may fear violence and use their new powers to deal with us. However, positively thinking, we are peaceful and honest, and it should be OK.

More information in a useful pamphlet 'Public Order Plans', from GLC Police Committee, Room 602, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Richie.

### THE MOLESWORTH/ALCONBURY LAND FUND

Efforts to buy a chunk of land in the route of the new A1/M1 link road in Cambridgeshire - to be built so as to conveniently solve cruise convoy dispersal problems from Molesworth - have run into a serious problem. The money has been raised, and the deal was about to go through when an unknown 'property developer' put in an offer for nearly twice as much (£35,000, compared to an independent valuation of £18,000). What could such a developer want with such a piece of land which is due to be compulsorily purchased in a few years time? Was this Heseltine's last piece of dirty work before he left office?

More details from Molesworth/Alconbury Land Fund, c/o Old School House, Clopton, Kettering, Northants.

### GREENLANDS FARM, GLASTONBURY

Contrary to local press reports, all the travellers had left Greenlands Farm by early January. Most had gone before Christmas, after the owner Alison Collyer had taken them to Yeovil County Court as the only way of avoiding prison. Due to excessive keenness to be rid of them, the land has been well munched by neighbours' tractors pulling about 60 vehicles out of the mud.

Alison had been given a 6 month jail sentence, suspended for a month, for failing to clear the 'illegal caravan site' on her land. In December this was extended for a further month, but she still had to return to the High Court in January - when over £2000 in costs were awarded against her.

With the Paddington Farm Trust also putting pressure on her, she went down with pleurisy and needed town hospitality to recuperate. The travellers have opened up several new sites around the county; Somerset County Council have still failed to provide a transit site as they are stutorily required to do.

- 'Glastonbury Communicator'

### A LETTER (or at least a bit of one)

It is a little saddening to see you knocking the Green Party. I can understand the difference in style and approach but regard yourselves as being the activist arm and us as being the political arm of the Green Movement. I am sure there is plenty for both to do, and would hope that our green-ness lifted us above the factional in-fighting so common to the traditional political world. Let us travel the road to the Green horizon together, in peace and good will.

- Alan Gould, Glanford Green Party, South Humberside.

PEDALLING PUPPETS is a tricycle-transported puppet show/street theatre group, promoting animal rights issues, vegan food and cosmetics, and so on; a bizarre and enthusiastic project also offering workshops "to assist the harmony of the animal rights movement" for those interested ... Anyway, they're trying to plan an itinerary for this year, and they're asking for suggestions of venues indoor or outdoor, offers of tent/floor space, maybe a meal on their way, or even a donation ... All enquiries, offers etc as soon as possible: c/o Terry Mace, 85 Strouden Road, BOURNECOUTH BH9 1GN.

## SEEDLINGS ARE SPREADING

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY GREEN GROUP obligingly wrote with an account of their activities and plans: local urban conservation project work, tree planting, instigating recycling schemes in University residences, Molesworth visits, and collecting for Greenpeace. Much of their activity is in publicity, spreading ideas, holding meetings, and so on - the most important parts of education being the stuff you pick up for yourself whilst hanging around the place, as any fule kne.

They have even managed to get a member elected to the notorious NUS Conference talking-shop, clear evidence of an interest in green issues among Brum students. One notable effort was a sponsored fast (and hence silent counter-demonstration) on the day of Nick's Cafe Race, a horrible ragweek beer baked beans meat pie and vomit orgy in typical white middleclass student style.

Future projects include a street theatre group to work in the city itself, and an action xxx about or against the EEC grain stores scandal (economics keeping people hungry) - both of which they would very much appreciate advice and ideas on (there must be Green theatre people reading this who are bubbling over with suggestions, offers of assistance etc).

All student groups seem to be blessed with lots of money and enthusiasm, but sometimes ~~do~~ don't do so well on practical ideas of what to do with it (strange). All suggestions ~~is~~ inspiration collaborations etc to: B.U. ECOLOGY GROUP, BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY GUILD OF STUDENTS, EDGBASTON PARK ROAD, B15 2TU (021 472 1841 - Ben or Steve).

GREEN GATHERING: LEEDS UNIVERSITY Green Society are planning one for either the 2nd or 3rd weekend in May, to coincide with a demonstration they are organising against acid rain. Contact: GORDON HAYCOCK, FLAT D515, HENRY PRICE BUILDING, CLARENDON ROAD, LEEDS 2.

Actually, there must be many student Green groups in Unis, Polys, FE colleges and so on around the country, though I only know about Leeds, Birmingham, and Bradford (hi Roger). It occurs to me to ask whether you know each other? The first step towards overcoming the poverty of student life  $\$$  (ha!) in your case could be to honeycomb or network yourselves. Obviously we're not really in a position to set that up from here, tho' we'll print any addresses and tidings we get.

Why not have a countrywide meeting about it? (anyone prepared to get that together write to us) or all go to the Leeds gathering and discuss it there? Most student political groups have a party backing them up and supplying all the necessary campaigns and ideology; no such security-structure for Greens of course, but a little mutual aid could soon fix that.

There's room for plenty of student Green action (all the paper consumed in educational establishments), and it's a great place to start and reach a suitable audience ... what are you waiting for?

Steve.

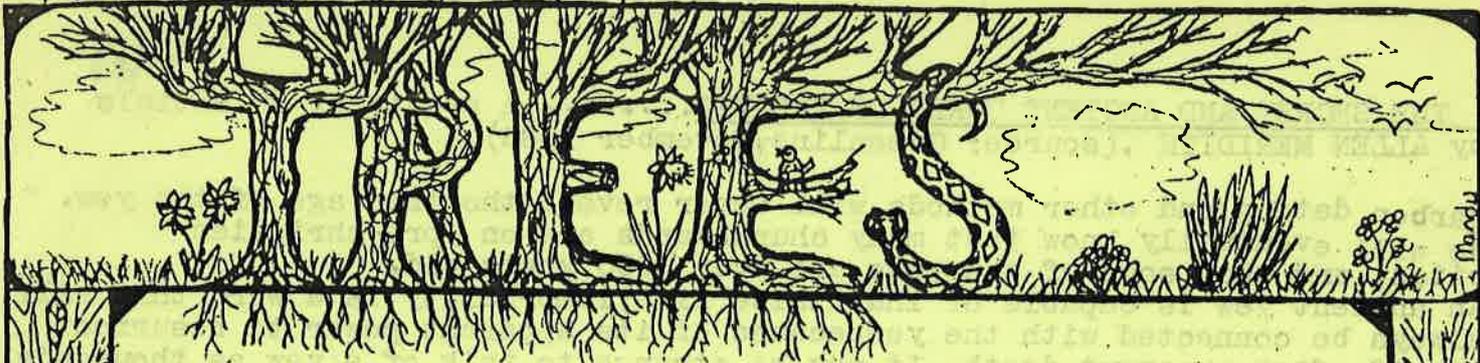
ROBIN'S GREENWOOD GANG is a motley band of tree-lovers from all over the country, formed in '84 in an attempt to counter the butchery of live trees at Stonehenge, planning to supply fuel wood to the site, educate city-dwelling festival-goers in the ways of trees, and to carry out ceremonial tree-planting rituals.

Since the emphasis of 1985 was on the destruction of humans and their lifestyles, rather than trees, few of these original aims were realised, although 6 trees (one of which had miraculously managed to get inside Stonehenge on Solstice morning) were ceremonially planted near Westbury White Horse.

They put out a useful newsletter called GREENLEAF (20p) plus postage), dedicated to free festivals, ritual magic, "and eventually fulfilling our obligations to the trees". GEORGE FIRZOFF, 80 KINGSDOWN PARADE, BRISTOL 6.

BIG MOUNTAIN: EKOMEDIA are distributing an information sheet on behalf of Hopi and Navajo peoples in Arizona and New Mexico, who are being 'relocated' so that the white man ~~can~~ exploit the mineral resources buried under their reservations. For further information and economical support: Big Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee, 124 San Francisco Street Suite B, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, USA. Or contact EKOMEDIA alternative news media, 121 Railton Road, London SE 24 (Tel 01 274 6655).

INTERNATIONAL TIMES is publishing again. Vol 86 No 1 from 25 Denmark Street, London WC2; 70p Masses of useful articles.



## ~ Remedies & Domestic Uses ~

(Information from various sources)

**BAY** : (*Laurus Nobilis*) Tea from the berries is a precaution taken against the common cold. The crushed berries are soothing when rubbed on insect bites and stings. A tea from the leaves aids minor digestive disorders, and is an effective astringent. The internal use of the bay, apart from flavouring food, should be avoided by pregnant women. A bay tree planted outside a door or window will prevent flies from entering. (berry tea: 3 berries, 1 pt. of water.)

**BEECH** : (*Fagus Sylvatica*) The decaying leaves provide a rich fertiliser. A decoction of the leaves, nuts, or powdered bark aids the healing of dermatic conditions, as does rainwater gathered from hollows in the tree. The leaves of the inner bark are antiseptic. Copper beech has the same properties. (proportions: 1 oz of the tree to 1 pt. of water.)

**ELDER** : (*Sambucus Nigra*) Flowers: dried and equally mixed with mint and yarrow flowers for excellent cold cure. Tea of elder flowers alone aids asthma, and are delicious. Fresh flowers dipped in light batter and fried are delicious served with lemon and cinnamon sugar. The leaf juice in a strong tea aids sore and infected eyes. Roots and shoots, in small mouthfuls alone are a strong purgative and laxative. Berries are delicious in pies and jam, and a tea or strong syrup of the berries relieves throat and gland ailments, and relieves difficult menstruation. All internal uses of the plant should be avoided by pregnant women.

**HOLLY** : (*Ilex Aquifolium*) Ten berries are a powerful emetic for an adult, so should be used sparingly when given as a remedy, but a mild tea is an excellent way to clear out fever, particularly from pneumonia and quinsy, as it induces sweating and clears out much poison from the body. (proportions: 3 berries to 1 pt. of water)

**OAK** : (*Quercus Robur, Quercus Patraea*) Acorn tea is mildly stimulating, and antibiotic. The leaf juice is also antibiotic (preparation unclear) For gargle against catarrhal conditions:  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. powdered bark in a cupfull of hot water. To relieve fever: decoction of bark, cooled, given in lbs. every three hours (proportions:  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz to 1 pt. of water.)

**SLOE** : (*Prunus S inosa*) A decoction of the leaves for both eyewash and soothing gargle for sore throats. The berry juice is both styptic and antiseptic. (Proportions for decoction) 1 oz of leaves to 1 pt. of water.) - Lucy -

THE SECRET AND ANCIENT WORLD OF THE YEW..... a precis of an article  
by ALLEN MERIDITH ,(source: Greenline; November 1985)

Carbon dating and other methods will never reveal the true age of the yew. We will eventually know that many churchyards are on pre-Christian sites, and that some of the yews are over 3000 years old. An ancient yew is capable of indefinite life; immortality is a word that will always be connected with the yew because of its apparent power to resurrect itself after apparent death. It may be strange to talk of a yew as thousands of years old, but when you get to know a yew tree, you will know that this is no exaggeration. Let us see a yew that in all probability takes us back to the late stone age. One such yew still exists at Crowhurst... Mr Gill in a letter to the times gives an account of this tree and mentions that a cannon ball was found in it's interior in 1820 and is supposed to have been there since the Civil War, and gradually enclosed by the growth of the tree. This tree is now so hollow that 12 adults could stand comfortably in it's hollow shell. In 1820, this hollow yew was fitted with a bench and table, and a door constructed and hung to fit the opening! The door still remains.

All ancient yews are hollow and decayed: carbon dating can only give a minimum age, for yews remain hollow and alive for ~~thousands~~ of years, (err. should read 'hundreds!') That the yew possesses a special power to renew itself cannot be argued. I have seen this strange phenomena on many occasions. When the ancient yew becomes a hollow shell, sometimes after several thousand years, a kind of resurrection begins. Sometimes it can be traced by means of an ariel branch which descends into the centre of the hollow shell forcing itself into the decaying debris of the old trunk and gradually rooting itself. At first it is only a few inches in thickness but after centuries growth it eventually becomes a tree within a tree.

Many of the standing stones and wells that were situated alongside ancient yews have long since disappeared. Do only the ancient yews remain to bear witness to some long lost ancient religion? But a few ancient stones and wells can still be found in isolated churchyards beneath the shadow of some ancient yew; for example, the World Tree Yggdrasil yew, at Hope Bagot in Shropshire. We can only begin to understand what moved people to travel sometimes many hundreds of miles to arrive at some sacred spot to worship, to build, to plant....

We have reminders of ancient burial mounds all over Britain, and yews are most certainly associated with some of them. At Ashbrittle in Somerset, an ancient yew still grows on what is believed to be a round barrow. This yew has split over the years and parted, and resembles a circle of trees, but all the separated portions undoubtedly come from the one tree.

At Knowlton in Dorset there is a line of ancient burial mounds. A ruined ~~edgkknk ckkkkk~~ Norman Church stands there also; and at the Bronze age mound at Fortingall in Tayside, Scotland, the ~~s~~ Samhain celtic festival has been long celebrated alongside the great yew at Carn nam Marbh-the mound of the dead.

To rule out the possibility of the great magical, spiritual qualities of the yew is to close ones eyes to unknown truths. The beauty of the yew is also to be experienced simply by feeling the surrounding strength and calm; the luminescence of mycelium on the rotten wood, the tips of the yew branches as they yield clouds of dust from the spring pollen, caught in the wind like lighted candles at dusk....

Further reading about the yew: \* \* \* \*  
'Yew Trees of Britain and Ireland' by John Lowe (photographs)

'The Yew and Immortality' by Dr. Cornish (brief study)

Unfortunately, both are out of print but are available at some libraries and forestry institutes.

## FRIENDS OF THE EARTH CHALLENGES GOVERNMENT OVER ACID RAIN

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Friends of the earth are challenging the government to carry out an extensive tree survey in 1986, following the findings of their 'Tree dieback survey' carried out this year, which showed that in the areas the survey covered, more than half of the beech and yew trees are showing damage. The F.O.E. director, Jonathon Porritt, has written to the Minister for the Environment, Countryside and housing, calling for the recommendations of the survey to be carried out. These recommendations include:

\* A nationwide emergency tree survey in 1986 ~~will~~ by Government agencies other than the Forestry Commission, co-operating with voluntary groups and specialists.

\* A monitor network which can "reconstruct" pollution episodes hour by hour or day by day to correlate with damage to trees.

\* There should be an immediate programme of controls to reduce emissions of sulphur di-oxide and oxides of nitrogen from power stations (12 large stations need Flue Gas De-sulphurisation) and cars should be fitted with converters to meet U.S. style emission standards to reduce hydrocarbons and NO<sub>x</sub>

Over 500 people from foresters and professional ecologists to vicars, school teachers and house persons took part in the World Wildlife Fund sponsored project. 1,546 beech and 1,338 yews were individually examined at 372 sites in 49 counties and 427 sites in 48 counties respectively, in the first acid rain survey to include both broadleaved and coniferous native species at detailed level.

69% of beech and 73% of yew showed some dieback. Worst affected were North Wales and Central South and South West England for beech, and North England for yew. Main results were that 31% of the beech and 29% of the yew were healthy, 53% and 52% had partial dieback, 14% and 22% showed advanced dieback, and 2% and 4% were in a stage of complete dieback.

In addition, both species showed specific symptoms associated with acid rain damage on the continent: 42% of beech had "cluster twigs", and 12% of yews had severe "tinseling" (loss of older needles), while 15% had branches with 20 or more "fear twigs" (emergency shoots). Damage to other species has also been reported, similar to that most common in countries such as Sweden, France, Austria, and most North/Central European countries. The areas concerned are:

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| *New Forest- oak, spruce, pine, fir.               | *Brecks-fir, spruce                    |
| *Alderly Edge, Cheshire-beech, pine                | *Bedfordshire- pine                    |
| *Macclesfield Forest-spruce                        | *Essex/Herts- oak, pine, ash, spruce.  |
| *Lake District-fir, spruce, beech, yew             |  |
| *Berkshire-larch, hornbeam, fir spruce, lime pine, | *Tintern forest- beech, yew            |
| *Oxfordshire-oak, ash                              | *Sussex- fir oak, larch                |
| *Ottershaw/Barking- sweet chestnut, oak            |  |
| *Snowdonia- holly, beech, ash, pine, sycamore      |  |
| *Llyn Brianne (Mid-Wales) lodgepole-pine           | *Charnwood Forest, Leics-holly, beech. |
| *London (Richmond Park)- beech, lime               |  |

For further information contact: MARK NEVILLE, Tree Survey co-ordinator, 01-837-0731. The report with full colour cover showing damage symptoms is available @ £0.95 from F.O.E. at 377 City Road, London EC1.

INTERNATIONAL TREE / FOREST CAMPAIGNS & ORGANISATIONS.

How much of our food budget would change if we took advantage of trees as a source of food? Could we fill our public parks with nut and apple trees to reduce urban poverty and starvation? Would the deep roots and drought resistance of some tropical food trees act as a resource for drought years? The groups below are working to deal with these and other tree related situations.....

RAINFOREST INFORMATION CENTRE, P.O. Box 368 Lismore, N.S.W. 2480, Australia. free mailings to third world, 10 dollars per year elsewhere; which excerpts findings as well as reports from other sources.

The U.S. and NEPAL meet in the book 'POKERNOMICS' by Ramesh Manandhar & Rod Rylander. The book is about the games rich countries play with the poor countries to exploit their resources. The book is available from East-West publishers, Kha, 1/322, Tahachal, Kathmandu, Nepal. Also Rt, 1. Box 180, Denison, TX 75020 USA, 60 Nepali rupees or 7 dollars TEN TREES WILL BE PLANTED IN NEPAL FOR EVERY BOOK SOLD.

PROBLEMS OF TROPICAL REFORESTATION as they apply in the Dominican Republic are discussed in ECHOS DU COTA (collectif d'Echanges pour les technologies appropriées, 18 Rue de la Sablonniere, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. 250 francs per year)

NEW FORESTS PROJECT? Centre for development Policy, 418 Tenth Street S.E.,

Washington D C 20003 USA .... a free packet of 7000 Leucana seeds... the miracle tree can be used for firewood, fodder, fertiliser, erosion control, lumber, furniture or high quality charcoal

(source; TRASNET, International Green Network Magazine)

World Forest Action

c/o Herbert Giradet  
Forest Cottage,  
Trelleck Rd.,  
TINTERN,  
Chepstow  
Gwent. tel. 0291-8392

Men of the trees

Chowley Down  
CROWLEY  
Sussex  
tel., 0342-712536

Rainforest Action Network

99 Prospect Rd.,  
Portstewart  
Northern Ireland  
Tel. 026583-2301  
(or contact Lucy Sourfield  
37, Novello Rd., London SW6)

CELTIC FRIENDS OF TREES: Flat 1,23 Upton Park, SLOUGH, Berks. Publishes "The Celt",  
Tree lore news.

National Tree Council

35, Belgrove Gardens  
LONDON SW1

Woodland Trust

Butterbrook  
HORFORD  
Ivybridge  
Devon PL21 0JQ

Trees For People

71 Verulam Rd.,  
St., Albans  
Herts., AL3 4DJ

PEOPLE IN COMMON (planters of trees-) 58 Clarence St., Burnley Lancs. Tel., 0282-36932

THE SACRED TREES TRUST, 31 Kings Avenue, Leeds, LS6 1QP West Yorkshire.

THE TREE TRUST (to promote the integration of farming and forestry) c/o Paul Caton  
Hermitage Rd., Upton, Nr. Longport, Somerset. Tel. 045834-567

(source: various, we did not have time to check whether they are all still active.....

but.... ANYBODY COULD FIND OUT FOR UPDATING GREEN COLLECTIVE INFORMATION RECORDS!

Thanks.

LUCY\_

## SHAMANISTIC HEALING THROUGH TREE SPIRITS

Before discussing the methods used, we first need to know what a tree spirit is and what its properties are. A tree, like any living thing, has a spirit, or higher-self, or life energy field, which we call a Dryad. However, a Dryad is not necessarily confined to one tree but rather each tree is a 'leg' of the Dryad, so that the trees share one single oversoul. A Dryad can have as many legs as it likes. It may have one tree or a whole forest.

The Dryad may also sub-divide, similar to an amoeba, and each section will contain all the wisdom and experience of the original Dryad. On special occasions, the Dryad may split in such a way that there is a separate Dryad in a small branch which may then be cut and taken from the tree with the Dryad still inhabiting it. One then has a kind of 'wand' with a living energy with age old wisdom and experience of the parent Dryad.

Since trees have no physical movement, they tend to be more active on the astral planes, and understand subtle energies better than we do. However, they do not necessarily understand human needs and need to be directed in some way. When used on chakras, acupuncture points etc., they are extremely effective in balancing energies and are also quick to learn so that they can give feedback - providing that the healer is open to communication from the Dryad. It can then locate imbalances and guide the healer to the correct points so that the patient may be balanced with one hundred percent accuracy! This method is more effective than ordinary acupuncture while being totally painless, as it is not necessary to pierce the skin, the Dryad working directly on internal energies.

The use of the Dryad does not stop here; they are also invaluable for removing mental and emotional blocks. A Dryad does not have the same concept of time as we do but live in the past, present, and future at all times. They, therefore, have no trouble in taking a patient back to re-experience past traumas, so that the stresses can be released by energising certain stress release points on the forehead.

The release of blocks is essential for effective healing. Many therapies require patients to come back for regular balancing throughout their lives as problems tend to recur. What they need to understand is that the problem can only recur because there is a still more subtle blockage behind it. Once the emotional blocks and mental blocks have been removed, the problem can be cured permanently!

There are other methods of releasing blocks such as psychotherapy and rebirthing, but these all take a long time. By using a tree spirit to lead the patient's mind it only takes about five minutes to go back into the womb or even into a past life, if necessary. In this way, the removal of blocks can easily be included in a normal healing consultation.

But how does one detect the blocks, you may ask? This is simple since the mental and emotional blocks will affect the patient's physical condition. For example, a weak stomach usually means that a person is not digesting information because of a block that occurred during the school period. Problems in the pancreas, which deals with sugar, reflect bitterness and a loss of the 'sweetness' in life. Gall bladder problems are generally caused by tension resulting from a troubled conception, meaning that the parents were not in a positive state when the person was conceived. Kidneys deal with water, which represents emotions, so kidney troubles are usually caused by emotional traumas, particularly birth traumas.

Here then is the process of healing. The patient is examined by pulse reading and by muscle testing, using the 43 kinesiology muscle reaction tests. All imbalances are corrected by using the tree spirits on appropriate pressure points, chakras, neurovascular points etc. On the second session any weaknesses that have recurred seem to be due to emotional or astral blocks, and these can be diagnosed by the organ through which it is manifesting. The inside of the foot is then examined according to the astro-morphic doctrine of correspondences, to relate the time that the block occurred and to confirm the original diagnosis. I will not go into the details of the doctrine of correspondences here, as it can be found in a book

on metamorphic technique. Once the diagnosis has been made satisfactorily the time of the block can be pinpointed more accurately, by questioning the Opponens Pollicis Longus muscle. The patient is then regressed to re-experience the cause of the block, while neurovascular points are energised to release the stress. The muscles are then re-tested to make sure that the block has been removed. Once this is done, the patient is cured permanently.

But what about karma? There are many people who think that their ailments are incurable because it is their karma. We must point out that all problems are caused by karma and that karma is there to be solved so that we may grow. If we give up and accept our karma we do not solve it. When I regress a patient, I do not take his karma from him. He is solving his karma in his mind. I am merely his guide. Karma is no excuse for failure. There is no disease that cannot be cured.

For those who wish to try this therapy, or who would like to know more about it, my address is given below:-

Peter K. Aziz B.Sc.,  
Jamor-Sanctuary,  
18 North Road,  
WELLS,  
Somerset, BA5 2TL

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### THE TEMPLE OF THE TREES...

Across a field of frosty stars  
Listening along the path we are to take  
The trees have formed themselves a temple  
Of hollows and mounds and living woodland air

The sky silver blue against all the shades of black  
Bow to our lady moon;  
Intertwining claws clutch at her white breast;  
Well she rewards these whispering supplicants  
Stretches their shadows, makes monsters of their stumps.  
The vixen screams again and again.

Not just lusting after Jack-in-the-Green or the Dryads,  
Not just for finding rune secrets scrolled on the bark,  
Our ancestors revered this place for still another reason:-

An aura of life propagates and nurtures  
Spreads beauty and bounty on the ground around their shelter,  
First Principle and Providence for a world of lesser, swifter, creatures,  
The cycles of renewal, the mystery manifest.

Gracefully yielding to a breath we can hardly feel;  
Dancing in time to a ripple  
in that thin skin that clings to this planet.

Bold Naked Witness  
that our poor earth still holds  
something as perfect,  
tragically sensitive,  
softly strong  
as Trees.

..Steve ....

### GREEN COLLECTIVE MEETING

There will be a full meeting of the Green Collective at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, over the weekend of April 26/27. Facilitators will be Anne Waterhouse and Sheena Johnson. Further details in the next Mailing.

### GREEN FIELD - GLASTONBURY CND FESTIVAL '86

The Green input to this year's midsummer festival will extend to 4 fields - all those above the railway line in the new area of the Worthy Farm site - including the Green Field itself, the two fields immediately below it, and a small field above it (which was not used last year). There will also be a marquee acting as a 'Green outpost' down in Babylonia. There was a meeting held in Glastonbury on Feb 1st to set plans in motion for all this.

The budget is the same as for last year (£4000), but there will be extra facilities available from the Festival as a whole: a site vehicle, more marquee space, an extra first aid tent based on homeopathic and herbal medicine, and the possibility of wages for 6 people (to be taken on as part of the Festival site crew).

Kim McGavin is being employed directly as the Festival's 'Green co-ordinator', and any queries, offers of help, ideas etc should be addressed to him at Hillview, Yeopands Lane, Swymbridge, Barnstaple, North Devon (0271 830332). - except for certain specialist areas where the contact addresses are included below.

Other new features will include our own hot showers and a more together 'cleansing area'; spaces devoted to Earth Mysteries (c/o Charley Bailey, 57a Chalkwell Street, Glastonbury, Somerset - 0458 32452); to the Third World; and to a soft beach project which

could provide site equipment from scrap and recycled materials. There will also be a greater emphasis on music and dance workshops, with DibJak and Prana both coming; and the gardens will be not only in the Green Field but also elsewhere on the festival site.

NB: Help will be needed with planting hundreds of flowers, during the first weekend of June. Any volunteers should contact Katy Stanley, 20 Priory Street, Cheltenham Glos.

There is no-one specifically co-ordinating a women's space, though there will be camping space for women only if required, and a marquee available for women's workshops.

There will be plenty of green stalls; and the chance for craft workers to have their stalls free if they are prepared to take out time to share their skills with people. Other stalls in the Green Field will be up for a 25% discount on the Festival stall fees - (which means paying £90 for a food stall, £75 for others). Anyone wishing to book a stall should contact Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks (0734 478297).

We will once again have our own creche facilities and children's workshops. Anyone who'd like to get involved in these can write (for the time being) to the Green Roadshow contact address, c/o 46 Bournemouth Road, Blandford St Mary, Blandford, Dorset (0258 56923).

The next planning meeting for the Green Field ~~at~~ will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, on Sunday April 27th. This will be a part of the weekend Collective meeting - but it would help if anyone wishing to get involved in the Green Field could contact Kim McGavin in advance.

### BELTANE EARTH MYSTERIES GATHERING

This will take place in the Glastonbury area from May 2nd to 8th, cost £30. Full details available soon from: Palden Jenkins, The Elms, West Pennard, Nr Glastonbury, Somerset (0458 32601).

TREES: After our section on Trees had already been put together, a recent copy of 'Ecoforum' magazine turned up, containing a wealth of information on trees, forestry, and related conservation and wasteland reclamation projects.

'Ecoforum' covers work by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) concerned with development and environmental issues. Coming issues will cover 'Aid and the Environment', 'Marine Ecology', and 'Industry and Environment'. Subscription is US \$30 per annum (6 issues), from Environmental Liaison Centre, POBox 72461, Nairobi, Kenya.

## THE GREEN ROADSHOW

Cut of the dark depths of winter, sprang various Roadshow refugees. Landing in Glastonbury for a meeting at Imbale (2nd Feb): Sheena, Steve, George, Simon, Anne, Dennis, Dave, Bec, Lucy and Vicky came along to sit in a basement room at the Glastonbury Assembly Rooms in front of a gas heater. Richie sent his apologies. Bruce, Steve, and Mike spent time with the meeting.

An agenda was quickly drafted, and we had a round of introductions saying for each of us what we had to contribute. From it is we created a potential Roadshow, together enough to be a reality - cage, herbal remedies, information, books, children's workshops and play sessions, clowning, 'One World Films', Sun & Wind' appropriate technology, Animal Rights bus; plus possibilities of musicians, even a travelling mechanic. Much still needs to be negotiated between all members about how to fund the Roadshow, and how we present ourselves at Fairs and Festivals.

An overall feeling of a communal lifestyle seemed to penetrate to the heart of what is being planned. Individuals with skills and services to offer the general public, plus creating an atmosphere of togetherness and conviviality which would encourage contact and amicability, participation and inspiration; in a way encouraging the spirit of creativity. Rather than this becoming one of those back-slapping sessions of self-celebratory idolation, the idealism and synthesis flowed into an appropriate scheme.

A fixed co-ordinator for the Roadshow was found. Simon, who is to become a father, offered his services down in Dorset, Blandford St Mary (0258 56923). Sheena will be collating ideas and information on individual projects to formulate a preliminary sheet for the Roadshow. Send information to her c/o New Vale Farmhouse, Barnsbury Lane, Broadland, Nr Canterbury, Kent. Site co-ordinators will be arranged for each festival, and rotated, having a brief to suss out site, resources, useful contacts etc.

So the Roadshow looks ready to begin offering children's facilities, a space for entertainers in a cafe, and an information stall - all available to festival organisers who book the Roadshow - plus being able to raise a bit of money on individual projects, and the cafe to keep the shows on the road; all projects with a greening emphasis, but with a rainbow vitality.

More discussion was held on how children would be catered for, and the general needs of the Roadshow. This is where you can help. First off, any large or small donations would be welcomed. Dennis is going to approach some educational trusts. Perhaps various established Green projects such as magazines or co-operatives would like to send a few bob. Then in practical terms there is the need to acquire a marquee for the cage; we need tarpaulins for general purpose cover and for the children's area; we need to seriously consider getting the caravan back - also the marquee might be made into tarpaulins wherever it is - then we need the other bits like bowls, water containers, dressing-up gear, paper, paint etc, much of which we can get from scrap stores. Canvas for painting large murals feels like a great idea for a project. Lots and lots of other ideas, too many to mention or get my head round late on Sunday afternoon.

So what is happening next? It was decided to have a Roadshow Gathering on April 19th-25th, out in the country. Harewarren, Dorset, or the New Forest are possible places. I'd like to see a sweat lodge there, especially as according to George's predictions the full moon in that week will be eclipsed (was that last year's diary?).

It will be great to be back on the road - Love, Peace & Anarchy in transit .... Dave.

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IF ANYONE HAS NEWS OF A MARQUEE FOR SALE, PLEASE RING BEC - 0258 56923.

HOUSE-BOUND ROADSHOW CO-ORDINATOR: SIMON JACOBSON, 46 BOURNEMOUTH ROAD, BLANDFORD ST MARY, BLANDFORD, DORSET (0258 56923).

IF ANYONE CAN HELP WITH TRANSPORT FOR A TRIP from ~~Swick~~ Harewarren (near Salisbury) to Wales, please get in touch with Poppy Green, v/o The Continuum Trust, Stone Hall Mill, Welsh Hook, Wolfs Castle, Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

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GREEN NETWORK MEETING March 28th/30th, Glastonbury Assembly Rooms.

The Green Collective is sponsoring this Gathering in order to help establish a more effective and cohesive network of Green and alternative groups.

Its immediate practical function will be to facilitate communication and sharing of resources and contacts between different Green projects and groups throughout the counties of Britain.

The Friday evening will be given over to some kind of collective celebration. A preliminary agenda has been drawn up for Saturday and Sunday, including workshops on local Green projects and others to look at how the Green Network will actually work..

Preliminary agenda:

Friday: Welcome/domestic arrangements/attunement (& 7 pm), followed by social event.

Saturday: (Morning) - workshops on Green Centres, Green Magazines, Green Field (at Glastonbury CND Festival), Spirituality & Politics (not yet confirmed).

(afternoon) - workshops on Networking the Networks, Green Groups, plus space for a Spontaneous Workshop and a workshop of general interest (subject to be decided).

(Evening) - Video of '83 Glastonbury Green Gathering, followed by Ceilidh.

Sunday: (Morning) - 'Sacred Space' and games. Workshops on Green Network Mailing (and any other relevant mailings), The Red-Green Dialogue, Local Fairs & Gatherings (including Green Network Gatherings).

(afternoon) - Plenary report-backs (continued into the evening for those who wish to stay).

Those who book to attend this Network Gathering can, if they wish, send in their suggested alterations/comments on, or alterations to, this preliminary agenda.

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BOOKING FORM

I/we would like to attend the Green Network Gathering at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, on (March 28th)/March 29th/30th. I/we shall be bringing \_\_\_ child/children, ages \_\_\_\_\_. We enclose a booking fee of £ \_\_\_\_\_ and a donation to the Green Network of £ \_\_\_\_\_.

(Standard booking fee is £5, though flexible on request. Children free).

Additional expenses may be needed for accommodation.

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

..... TEL: .....

PLEASE ENCLOSE ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS IF NECESSARY.

Cheques payable to 'The Green Collective', and send to: Green Network Gathering, c/o David Taylor, 8 King Street, Glastonbury, Somerset. Tel (0458) 31970.

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THE LAND FUND

The Green Collective Land Fund now stands at about £250. The Land Fund account is with the Ecology Building Society, and over the past few months those involved with looking after the account - and also those dealing with the Mailing subs, from which most Land Fund money comes - have been moving round the country a good bit. For this reason the money has been held in the main Green Collective account; but most of it has now been transferred into the Ecology Building Society.

We are in the middle of setting up a new Green Collective Mailing account here in Glastonbury, from which Land Fund contributions can be transferred direct to the Land Fund account. Up until now, subscriptions have arrived at various addresses, have then gone to the main Green Collective account (in Bournemouth), then to the Land Fund and/or the people putting out the Mailing etc.

Once the new system has been properly organised, it will be much simpler. This is possible now we're settled, many of us in Glastonbury. We'll soon be able to publish a definitive statement of the Land Fund balance. It would then perhaps be time to call a new meeting for people with an interest in the Fund - including if possible people from outside the Collective who have similar funds set up.

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The Treasurer of the Land Fund account is Chris Walford, 44 Upper Cheltenham Place, Montpelier, Bristol. Any donations specifically for the Land Fund can be sent direct to him.

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### SUNFLOWERS

Sunflowers, the Green Collective trading group, is now turning over a sum of nearly £1000 a year. Although extensive re-stocking has meant that there has not yet been a nice big profit returned to the Collective, we do now hold large stocks of most items and future sales will yield a profit for the Collective. Also, of course, it's all good publicity for the Green Movement and not just a money-making exercise.

A new venture last summer has been the printing of car stickers, in co-operation with Green CND and the Welsh and Scottish Ecology Parties - a useful co-operative activity allowing us to get a cheaper print run for larger quantities. I especially like the 'Liberate the Earth' stickers. Details of these and other Sunflowers goods are listed below.

Mailing subscribers are invited to help by selling Sunflowers goods at local events, meetings etc, or at workplaces, college, or to individual friends and acquaintances. You can make money for your own local group by buying at bulk prices and selling retail, (sale or return available from us). If you are interested, please contact Ann Gunn, 8 Wordsworth Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 5SX (0373 21184).

Also, please note the price reduction on the 'Greens are Gathering' leaflets, which are excellently written, illustrated and produced, containing information regarding most aspects of the Green Collective's projects and activities.

### Stock list

Post cards: Green Collective banner, and dove flying over Glastonbury Tor (detail from banner). 20p each, 12p each for 10 or more.

T-shirts: 'The Greens are Gathering' and Sunflower motif, printed yellow on green cotton, sizes S/M/L. £4 each, £3.50 in bulk for re-sale.

Envelope resealers: 'The Greens Are Gathering', green gold & black. £2.50 per 100, £2 per pack for 5 packs or more.

Badges: 1½" 'The Greens Are Gathering'. 25p each, 20p each for 10 or more,...

Peel-off stickers: 4¼", sunflower motif. 'The Greens are Gathering'/'Liberate the Earth'/'Animal Liberation'/'Women's Liberation'/'Green CND'. All @ 30p each, 20p for bulk orders of 10 or more.

Leaflets: 'The Greens Are Gathering'. New price: £1 per 100.

Green reflector badges: metallic star, ½" diameter. 50p each, 40p each for 5 or more.

The Green Pack: includes car sticker, sample Greenline magazine, leaflets, articles, stickers, badge. £1.50.

Please add 15% to order, to cover postage and packing. Make cheques payable to 'Sunflowers' and send to:

SUNFLOWERS, c/o Ann Gunn, 8 Wordsworth Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 5SX.

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### GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK

We are still hoping to republish the Advice Pack, up-dated and including new sections on Women's Spaces at Gatherings, dealing with Travellers, and on staging a small-scale local green event. Hopefully this can be done in a tidier, printed format.

We would still very much value feedback and ideas from people who have been using the Advice Pack. We can't have got everything totally right. Please write to Bruce Garrard, 57a Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, Somerset.

There are still a few copies of the old Advice Pack available, @ £2 each to Collective subscribers, from Ann Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks.

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## THE GREEN COLLECTIVE DRAFT CONSTITUTION

(Please note that this has never been voted on or accepted in any formal way; nor was it ever intended to be. Nevertheless its implications are interesting, and it does seem worth re-reading from time to time).

### Definitions

1. 'Green' is a colour between yellow and blue in the spectrum.
2. 'Collective' means we're all in it together.
3. This constitution is offered as the work of a poet.

### Aims

4. The aims of the Green Collective are: inter-related, articulated, and of a purposeful nature.
5. The ultimate and the underlying aim is the realisation of vision.
6. The immediate aim is to get through tomorrow ... and in such a way as to become wiser and stronger than today.
7. The intermediate aims lie midway between these two, in a state of dynamic tension, and can therefore be given form.
8. The achievement of aims is a creative reaction between consciousness and the otherwise random distribution of matter and energy: making the best of opportunities.

### Structure

9. The structure of the Green Collective is: Green, Collective, and diffuse.
10. The formal structure consists of people sufficiently interested to pay out money to subscribe to the Collective, its ideas, energies, and mailings, who may focus together on Collective meetings and projects (as agreed and noted down in the appropriate minutes and suchlike documents).
11. The informal structure consists of people forming bonds of mutual interest, friendship, unified creative energy, and love.
12. The Green Collective is only functioning when its structure is dynamic.
13. The forming of structure is the creative application of consciousness to that which already has an acknowledged existence but no function: the first step is giving it a name.

### Organisation

14. The organisation of the Green Collective is: organic.
15. The formal organisation consists of meetings of the full Collective, which may be regular or irregular as decided by those at the meetings themselves, and of Collective members at any other time, gathering for the purpose of planning or taking part in projects, or for the simple purpose of meeting to share each others' company.
16. Functions within the Green Collective are carried out by whomsoever should be deemed appropriate, at the appropriate time, and for the appropriate length of time, as agreed by Collective members holding an interest.
17. The real organisation is the members' collective responsibility to work together constructively; and to sort out any misunderstandings which may arise concerning (inter alia) personal relationships, money, and individuals' commitment to the realisation of particular visions.
18. Organisation is the creative application of consciousness to that which has some function, in the process of its integration with the rest of existence: growth.

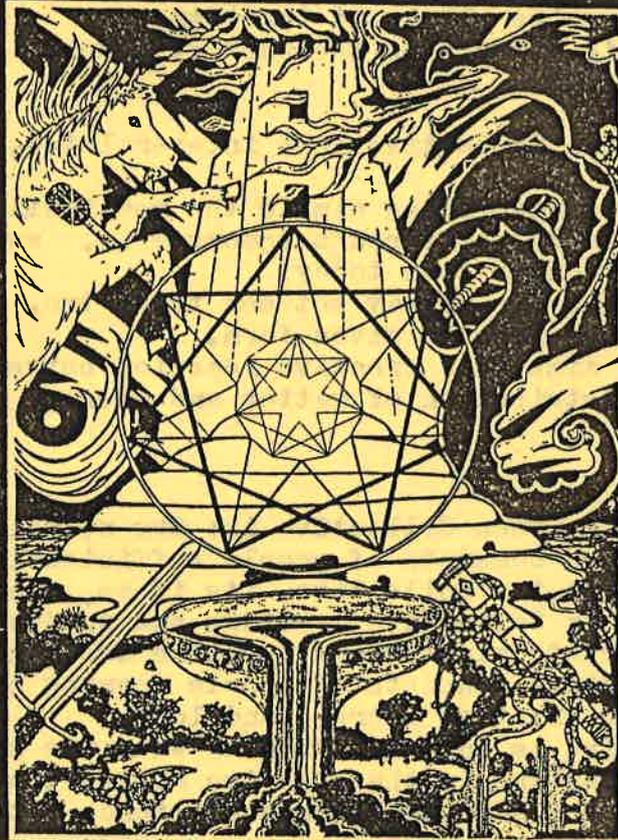
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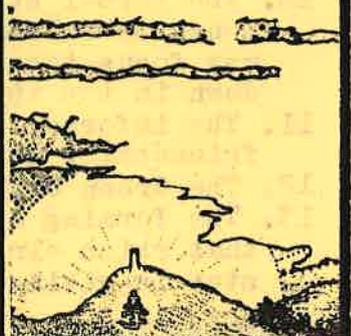
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